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Mr. Johnny N. Williams, Interim Director
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Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for testifying at today's hearing regarding the implementation of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). In addition to the questions you answered at the hearing, I would appreciate you providing written answers to the following questions:

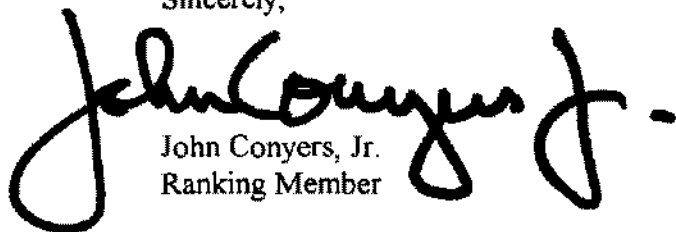
Colleges have reported that they have been contacted since September 11, 2001, by either the FBI or INS (or its successor) under this new program. The government has sought to collect information about students from Middle Eastern countries, such as what subjects the students were studying, their academic record, and housing arrangements.

- A. Please identify the specific authority relied on to create this program.
- B. How many colleges and universities were contacted by the government to obtain information on students?
- C. What guidance was provided to U.S. Attorney's Offices and/or FBI offices with respect to questions that should be asked of such nationals?
- D. What has been done with the information obtained from these schools and students?
- E. Have there been any prosecutions or deportations as a result of these investigations? If so, how many and for what reason? What was the national origin, race, and ethnicity of the persons prosecuted or deported?

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Please provide the Committee with a written answer to the above questions no later than April 9. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Stacey Dansky of the Judiciary Committee at 225-2022. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Conyers, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Member

cc: Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
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